

Seattle Parks.

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Started 3.15 P. M. for Volunteer Park. The N. side of ravine W. of 10th Av. is about 350' N. of N. side of E. Highland Drive. This latter is all covered with bushes and small trees except a winding path. At park boundary begins a weedy, gravel, road which continues as a cart path and running across block S. Wly. - In park has been laid out in long curves. Is too steep for drive but would do for a walk. Thick each side with bushes and young firs some 30' or 40' high. About a point 100p. up is a view of reservoir fence 10' or 15' higher, and of top of gate house. 18p. S. is edge of open ground in which there is now view of Sound and W. Seattle. From here, photo No. 4. lkg. W. No. 5. lkg. W. to reservoir. Point 50p. further E. up path. Photo No. 6, lkg. S. E. meadow with top of house beyond park. Photo No. 7, lkg. E. group of trees and little house in it. Seat under one pair of trees. At point 35p. further N. E. junction of roads. One heads about for gate house. Too much in meadow. Should be moved. Used for teaming and driving. The one I came up is not driven on to be noticeable. Another turns quickly and winds to N. W. Is used for teaming. Scup among trees to N. W. Soil, sand gravel. Grass poor and thin. Main road turns rapidly and runs S. E. on W. side of little house and between it and barn. Horse trough here. Thick plantation of larch N. of bend. Branch continues N. W. from last junction to a road E. of barn and running N. House via barn. Top of ridge about 10yds. E. of it. Trend of ridge N. N. W. A road bends around unpainted barn and runs N. N. W. and gradually crosses ridge. Cemetery in full view. A nursery of collected maples about 25p. at N. end and 50p. at S. end from ridge road. Open land here with scattering firs and a few dogwood. Belt of little larches, thick, about 50p. to W. Photo No. 8. from ridge road map at cemetery. View of distance. View over cemetery to left of Woodland Park and to right of Ravenna Park and through nursery trees of Lake Washington. Ridge ends abruptly at N. end. A little S. of this a winding walk-road has been raked and weeded for a little way. Next W. boundary is part way a privet hedge 3' high. To left a temporary rough fence. Below fence steep gravel bank. No soil but ivy newly planted in it a year or so ago growing. S. of this a 9' road, used. S. of this a bank of grass 6' high. Dry gravel. This road could be left but a long mass of shrubbery is needed to screen cemetery. No road follows to W. top of bank which is less steep but much higher (cemetery lower) and covered with grass and brake and a few trees of various sizes. The S. cross road joins it about 50 to 100 yds. W. of ridge. Passes larch plantation. At a fence beyond which is long manure pile, road turns S. Some

single and masses of fire 1' to 1 1/2' diameter. Alder, young
firs. Pretty groups with winding grassy areas. No view
from here. This fence runs S. Road curves and joins road
running N. W. from junction that was 35p. N. E. of photo
No. 7. It heads for that junction. Took the road running
N. W. It is used for teams. It curves and soon ends in
loop around the manure pile. This is well hidden except from
N. E. of it. Fence extends around S. of it and has gate.
Pile is rods and compost, very little manure. Covered with
weeds and grass. 5 P. M. Returned toward N. end of ridge.
Larch plantation is neglected nursery stock 10 yrs. old, may be
10 to 15' high, some less. Soil poor, larches thin. From
upper cross road and ridge road 36p. E. to a junction of 5
roads. 2 from ridge one N. to turnstile in cemetery fence.
One N. E. to near cemetery fence and curving along it to E.
and 5th one curves strongly S. E. and then E. through nursery.
All single track. There is new ornamental planting between
3rd and 4th roads- Cotoneaster buxifolia, Eng. holly, European
beech, Laburnum, Japan quince, 1 Sequoia gigantea tree box,
Baccharis halimifolia, (dead) Betula lutea, white cedar (dead)
Amorpha fruticosa. Between 2d and 3rd roads; Pinus austriaca.
lots of Yucca filamentosa, 1 Sequoia, White Weigelia, Laburnum,
big phlox, 1 red cedar, Japan Quince. At turnstile, steps
are needed. Walk does not centre on cemetery walk. Its E.
side matches E. side of that in cemetery. Went E. on cemetery
road which is straight and about 3' from fence. 65p. from N.
side of walk No. 3. to S. side of walk entrance to E. used
by workmen and others for short cutting. Poststile. Walk in
park should be moved W. 12' or 15' to fit cemetery walk better.
Walk in park is a much worn short cut to electric cars is not
recognized in plan. Runs about S. E. All open for some distance
each side of it. To E. S. E. in grove is a cheap painted
summer house not very bad. Road continues E. and then E. N. E.
around summer house grove which has been grubbed and seeded
smoothly and surrounded by a temporary fence and mixed hedge
of lilac, pine, Deutzia gracilis, Prunus laurocerasus, 1 pinus
ponderosa, Genista alba (12), 1 pinus pond. 15 Scotch broom
and 1 pinus pond., 12 Prunus laurocerasus, 14 Rosemary
(Rosmarinus officinale) 11 Thuya orientalis, 1 Crypt. jap.,
1 wild syringa, 14 tree box, 9 Prunus laurocerasus under 4 or
5 firs. This is all along road, on W. of it. Running W.
is an open bed of 7 Philadelphus Gordonianus. The road turns
out nearly to street. S. W. and W. S. W. is a newly seeded
lawn surrounded by fire 6" to 8" diameter. Opposite the
rosemary and filling over to street is a thick larch plantation.
Horse back riders pass. Water pipe newly laid from street
to rosemarys. Looking at the new lawn, most of the firs
should be cut. Depend on alders until other deciduous trees
to be planted grow. Near where road becomes parallel to street
it is 45' from it. Some short leaved pines have been planted
for a border plantation at fair distances apart, needs shrub
border. Bank along street, gravel 3' to 4' high. Nursery
W. of road. At a point opposite middle of 1st street S. or N. E.

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corner of park there is one walk-road running curving up hill W. to N. of a residence in grove of firs. Another runs N. W. on strong reverse curves. Is same one as short cut further N. but has here been trued up 4' wide. Nursery W. of it. In points at its S. end are pretty good shrub plantations. *Sambucus variegata* (show green only) *Ribes sanguineum* and white broom on E. and *Ligustrum ovalifolium*, *Pinus strobus*, *Jasminum fruticans*, *Cephalotaxus arupacea* (Japan) *Jasminum fruticans*, 1 *Vaccinium parvifolium* to W. S. of the walk running W., is a big lawn too much cluttered. 75p. S. of S. side of cross st. and N. of circuit walk-road is a clump of big native bushes which should be saved. About 100' E. of house in park is a dogwood and a big bed of hybrid rhododendrons like bedding out. N. E. of it, across walk is a formal bed of tender plants with agave in middle and 2 *Picea engelmanni*, 2' high. 47p. further S. E. of walk is a mound with sprinkling of big boulders in clipped grass. 40 or 50p. further S. is circular bed of *Petunias* and so on. Walk then splits to S. W. and S. are 8 scups under large alders. S. of split is a cross walk and then is a lath house 60' long running nearly E. & W. It holds pots, compost, boxes, trays, etc. S. E. of it is a little greenhouse. 2 double span houses 66' long. The W. one is 10' wide the E. one 15', boiler house, 11' and potting shed additional at N. end. Row of cold frames on E. More cold frames W. & S. of lath house. About 100' W. of latter is a privy fairly well hidden in small firs. S. boundary (on hill) is about 75' from nearest cross street. This land should be secured. This street does not connect with street E. of the E. boundary street. The reservoir appears to be a triangle with big round corners. The view is across it from rounded E. corner, across long W. side, and view of sound is bounded on N. by Queen Anne Hill and on S. by N. end of W. Seattle.